

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Brown, *et al.*

(Division of Appl. No. 09/159,518)

Appl. No.: to be assigned

Filed: herewith

For: **Novel Opioid Peptides for the
Treatment of Pain**

Art Unit: 1631

Examiner: to be assigned

Attorney Docket: 81823/282437

Preliminary Amendment

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In advance of prosecution, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

In the Specification:

On the first page of the application, immediately after the title and before the section entitled "Field of the Invention," please add the following text:

-- Cross Reference to Related Applications

The present application is division of U.S. application 09/159,518, filed September 24, 1998, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. application 08/392,918, filed on March 3, 1995 and of 08/718,585, filed on October 2, 1996. It claims the benefit of international application PCT/SE95/00158 (filed on February 15, 1995 and published in English on August 24, 1995) and of PCT/SE96/01011 (filed on August 14, 1996 and published in English on February 27, 1997). In addition, the application claims priority to two applications filed in the United Kingdom (9403263.8, filed on February 21, 1994; and 9408179.1, filed on April 25, 1994) and three applications filed in Sweden (9401519-5, filed on May 3, 1994; 9502877-5, filed on August 18, 1995; and 9503924-4, filed on November 7, 1995).

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In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 59-77.

Conclusion

The amendments above do not add new matter to the application, and their entry is therefore respectfully requested. It is believed that the present application is now in condition for immediate allowance and early notice to such effect is earnestly solicited. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a phone call may help to expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call Applicant's undersigned attorney at (703) 905-2173.

Respectfully submitted,

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